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FM AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

TO AMEMBASSY MAPUTO PRIORITY

AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG PRIORITY

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FOR RICHARDSON

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OREP (RICHARDSON, WILLIAM)

SBJ: STAFFDEL RICHARDSON

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1. IN REVIEWING YOUR SPECIFIC INTERESTS WHILE IN ZAIRE, EMBASSY WISHES TO POINT OUT THAT SHORT PERIOD ALLOTTED FOR VISIT (4 FULL WORKING DAYS), PRECLUDES YOUR MAKING ALL THE SIDE TRIPS SUGGESTED IN REFTEL, IN ADDITION TO HOLDING WIDERANGING MEETINGS WITH GOZ OFFICIALS AND OTHERS CONCERNED WITH ECONOMIC AND MILITARY PLANNING. UNCERTAINTY OF INTERNAL FLIGHTS WOULD MAKE TRIP TO BUKAVU ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE. A VISIT TO LUBUMBASHI VIA COMMERCIAL AIRLINE WOULD BE EQUALLY DIFFICULT INASMUCH AS ONLY FLIGHT AVAILABLE WOULD BE ON DEC 2 IN EVENING WITH RETURN TO KINSHASA EVENING OF DEC 3, THUS ARRIVING AFTER YOUR PROPOSED DEPARTURE FOR JOHANNESBURG. THERE ARE NO SCHEDULED AIRLINE FLIGHTS TO KAMINA AND KITONA DURING THE DATES OF YOUR STAY IN ZAIRE.

2. THERE IS POSSIBILITY OF GOING TO LUBUMBASHI, KITONA OR KAMINA VIA CHARTER AIRPLANE AT AN APPROX COST OF \$240 PER HOUR (COST TO BE COVERED BY CONGRESSIONAL FUNDS). IN ADDITION, THE ZAIRIAN ARMY MAY BE PREPARED TO FLY YOU TO THE MILITARY BASES. TIMES INVOLVED FOR SUCH TRIPS WILL CUT OUT A HALF DAY (KITONA)

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TO A DAY (KAMINA). (FOR DETAILS SEE BELOW). ALSO, WE BELIEVE

VISIT TO THE MILITARY BASES IN KITONA AND KAMINA WOULD NOT ADD VERY MUCH TO THE ALREADY FULL BRIEFINGS YOU WILL GET FROM DEFENSE OFFICIALS IN KINSHASA. FINALLY, WISH TO POINT OUT THAT VISIT TO LUBUMBASHI, WHETHER IN COMBINATION WITH TRIP TO KAMINA (WHICH MAY BE POSSIBLE) OR SEPARATELY, WOULD AFFORD YOU ONLY FEW HOURS FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH CONSULATE OFFICIALS WITH LITTLE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT CITY OR ITS ENVIRONS. HAVING SAID THIS, EMBASSY IS NEVERTHELESS REQUESTING PERMISSION FROM DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FOR YOU TO VISIT KAMINA OR KITONA IN THE EVENT YOU STILL WISH TO MAKE A TRIP TO A MILITARY BASE.

3. TAKING THE ABOVE INTO ACCOUNT, EMBASSY PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE WITH FIVE OPTIONS FOR DEC 2-3 FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION:

4. MONDAY, NOV 29, 1976

2220 MR. RICHARDSON ARRIVES KINSHASA ON SR-285 FROM JOHANNESBURG. TO BE MET BY POLITICAL COUNSELOR ERNEST GRIGG.

2245 DEPART N'DJILI AIRPORT FOR INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL (ROOM RESERVED)

2315 ARRIVE INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL.

TUESDAY, 30 NOV, 1976

0730 WORKING BREAKFAST WITH MR. GRIGG

0900 APPOINTMENT WITH AMB CUTLER.

1000 TENTATIVE APPOINTMENT WITH COMMISSIONER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS NGUZA KARL I BOND.

1130 APPOINTMENT WITH CLAY NETTLES, ECONOMIC COUNSELOR.

1230 WORKING LUNCH AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE, WITH SENIOR STAFF.

1500 APPOINTMENT WITH COL. GERACI, CHIEF OF ZAMISH.

1700 FREE TIME.

1830 DRINKS CHEZ DCM WALKER (CENTERED ON ECONOMIC TOPICS).

DEC 1, 1976

EMBASSY IS ATTEMPTING TO SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS WITH MILITARY LEADERS DURING MORNING. APPOINTMENTS WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM CITIBANK, WORLD BANK, AND IMF TO BE SCHEDULED IN AFTERNOON.

DEC 2 AND 3, 1976. (NOTE: ALL FLIGHTS ARE BY CHARTERED AIRPLANE).

OPTION I. VISIT KITONA

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DEPART KINSHASA 0900, DEC 2 FOR FLIGHT TO KITONA. FLIGHT TIME IS ONE HOUR WITH OVERFLIGHT OF INGA AND MATADI POSSIBLE. TOUR OF KITONA BASE. BASE COMMANDER AND STAFF WOULD PROBABLY OFFER LUNCH TO MR. RICHARDSON. RETURN SAME DAY TO KINSHASA AT 1600. UNDER THIS OPTION, YOU WOULD HAVE ALL DAY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3 FOR MEETINGS WITH AID DIRECTOR AND HIS STAFF AND FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH POST CULTURAL AFFAIRS OFFICER IN CHARGE OF EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGES.

OPTION II. VISIT TO KAMINA.

DEPART KINSHASA 0800, DEC 2 FOR FLIGHT TO KAMINA AIR BASE.  
FLYING TIME IS APPROX 4 HOURS. TOUR OF BASE INCLUDING LUNCH  
REQUIRES 3 HOURS. AT 1530 DEPART FOR KINSHASA. ARRIVE  
KINSHASA ABOUT 1930. DEC 3 --SAME AS ABOVE.

OPTION III. VISIT TO KAMINA AND LUBUMBASHI.

DEPART KINSHASA 0800, DEC 2 FOR FLIGHT TO KAMINA AIR BASE.  
AT 1530, DEPART FOR LUBUMBASHI. AIR TIME IS ONE HOUR. EVENING  
BRIEFINGS BY CONSUL AND STAFF. RETURN TO KINSHASA EARLY MORNING  
OF DEC 3. ARRIVE KINSHASA 1200. AFTERNOON COULD BE USED  
FOR MEETINGS WITH AID DIRECTOR AND STAFF.

OPTION IV. VISIT TO LUBUMBASHI ONLY.

0900 DEPART FOR LUBUMBASHI DIRECTLY WITH NO STOPS AT KAMINA.  
ARRIVE LUBUMBASHI AT 1400. DISCUSSIONS WITH CONSUL AND STAFF  
DURING AFTERNOON AND EVENING AND EARLY MORNING. DEPART LUBUMBASHI  
AT 0800 ON DEC 3 TO ARRIVE KINSHASA 1300.

OPTION V. REMAIN IN KINSHASA.

DEC 2. MEETING WITH MINISTER OF FINANCE BOFOSSA, GOVERNOR  
OF CENTRAL BANK, SAMBWAH AND PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR BISENGIMANA.  
IN DEPTH ECONOMIC DISCUSSIONS WITH ECONOMIC SECTION AND MEETINGS  
WITH KEY AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN.

DEC 3. MEETINGS WITH AID DIRECTOR AND STAFF DURING MORNING.  
AFTERNOON APPOINTMENTS WITH DEFENSE ATTACHE COL. POWERS,  
CULTURAL AFFAIRS OFFICER IN CHARGE OF EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE.

5. IN CASE OF ALL OPTIONS YOU MUST BE AT AIRPORT DEC 3  
BY 1630 FOR 1720 DEPARTURE FOR JOHANNESBURG.

6. PLEASE ADVISE.  
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